



Robert Greene Sterne Edward J. Kessler Jorge A. Goldstein David K.S. Cornwell Robert W. Esmond Tracy-Gene G. Durkin Michele A. Cimbala Michael B. Ray Robert E. Sokohl Eric K. Steffe Michael Q. Lee Steven R. Ludwig John M. Covert Linda E. Alcom Robert C. Millonig Donald J. Featherstone Lawrence B. Bugaisky

Innodry I. Shea, Ir.
Patrick E. Garrett
Heidi L. Kraus
Edward W. Yee
Albert L. Ferro*
Donald R. Banowit
Peter A. Jackman
Teresa U. Medler
Jeffrey S. Weaver
Kendrick P. Patterson
Vincent L. Capuano
Eldora Ellison Floyd
Thomas C. Fiala
Brian J. Del Buono
Virgil Lee Beaston
Kimberdy N. Reddick
Theodore A. Wood

loseph S. Ostroff Frank R. Cottlingham Christine M. Uhudler Rae Lymn Prengama Jane Shershenovich George S. Bardmess Daniel A. Klein* Jason D. Elsenberg Michael D. Specht Andrea J. Kamage Tracy L. Mudler* LuAnne M. DeSantis John J. Figueroa Am E. Surmerfield Tiera S. Coston Aric W. Ledford* Jesska L. Parezo Timothy A. Doyle* Gaby L. Longsworth* Nicole D. Dretar* Ted J. Ebersole Jyoti C. Iyer*

Registered Patent Agent Karen R. Markowicz Nancy J. Leith Helene C. Carlson Matthew J. Dowd Aaron L. Schwartz Katrina Y. Pei Quach Bryan L. Skelton Robert A. Schwartzman Teresa A. Colella Jeffrey S. Lundgren Eric D. Hayes Michelle K. Holoubek Robert H. DeSelms Simon J. Elliott Julie A. Heider Mitta Mukherjee

<u>rf Counsel</u> Jenneth C. Bass III van R. Smith Aanrin C. Gurbrie

*Admitted only in Maryland *Admitted only in Virginia *Practice Limited to Federal Apencies

April 27, 2004

WRITER'S DIRECT NUMBER: (202) 772-8520 INTERNET ADDRESS: TWOOD@SKGF.COM

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Group Art Unit 2625

Re:

U.S. Utility Patent Application

Appl. No.: 09/784,007; Filed: February 16, 2001

For: Method and System for Enhancing the Performance of a Fixed Focal

Length Imaging Device

Inventor:

Robert C. BLOSSER

Our Ref:

0701.0670000

RECEIVED

APR 2 8 2004

Sir:

Technology Center 2600

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111; and
- 2. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox PLLLC. : 1100 New York Avenue, NW : Washington, DC 20005 : 202.371.2600 f 202.371.2540 : www.skgf.com

Commissioner for Patents April 27, 2004 Page 2

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.

Theodore A. Wood Attorney for Applicant Registration No. 52,374

EJK/TAW:ddc Enclosures

257292_1.DOC